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# 1975 ILLINOIS FISHING PROSPECTS

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## LARGEMOUTH BASS

### ARGYLE LAKE - 95 Acres

Location: McDonough County, 2 miles north of Colchester.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Near submerged brush.

### BALDWIN LAKE - 2,200 Acres

Location: Randolph County, 2 miles north of Baldwin.  
Months: March, April and May.  
Baits: Big "o", plastic worms, single spins, bombers and top water lures.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Structures, drop offs, edges of weed beds, all of lake.

### BANGS LAKE - 297 Acres

Location: Lake County, in Wauconda.  
Months: April through October.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms and artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Weed beds and channels.

### CANTON LAKE - 250 Acres

Location: Fulton County, east edge of Canton.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed beds and near submerged brush.

### CARLINVILLE CITY LAKE - 168 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville.  
Months: May through June and September through October.  
Baits: Bombers.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Brush piles and tree tops.

### CARLYLE LAKE - 26,000 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties, 1 mile north of Carlyle.  
Months: May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Spinner baits, plastic worms, sub-surface lures like sonic, hotspot and rapala.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Points, creek channels, rock riprap, shoreline with brush and flooded timber.

### CEDAR LAKE - 1,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 3 miles southwest of Carbondale.  
Months: April, May and October.  
Baits: Spinners and Worms.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Points, shoreline brush and logs.

### CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKES (Fox Chain O'Lakes) - 507 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch or Route 173.  
Months: April through October.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms and artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Channels and weed beds.

### DALE STATE LAKE - 194 Acres

Location: Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville.  
Months: April, May and June.  
Baits: Minnows and plastic worms.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around shoreline.

### DEEP LAKE - 200 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Lake Villa on Route 132.  
Months: April through October.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms and artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Drop off on northwest side and weed beds.

### DOUGLAS COUNTY STATE LAKE - 59 Acres

Location: Douglas County, 3 miles north of Oakland.  
Months: April, May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 2½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush.

### LAKE OF EGYPT - 2,300 Acres

Location: Williamson-Johnson Counties, 8 miles south of Marion.  
Months: March, April and October.  
Baits: Spinner baits in spring and fall, deep runners in summer.  
Average Weight: 2 to 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline cover, logs and trees and edges of weed beds.

### GILLESPIE LAKE (NEW) - 207 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 3.5 miles west and 1.5 miles north of Gillespie.  
Months: May, June and October.  
Baits: Bombers (multiple).  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Tree tops and brush piles - bays where aquatic vegetation.

### HILLSBORO CITY LAKE - 108.7 Acres

Location: Montgomery County, 1½ miles north of Hillsboro.  
Months: May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Bombers.  
Average Weight: 2 to 4 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and bays.

### HORSESHOE LAKE - 1,890 Acres

Location: Alexander County, Olive Branch, Illinois.  
Months: April and May.  
Baits: Single spins.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Cypress trees - shoreline.

### JACKSONVILLE LAKE - 477 Acres

Location: Morgan County, 2 miles southeast of Jacksonville.  
Months: May, June and October.  
Baits: All bait casting lures.  
Average Weight: 2½ to 3½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Brush, trees, lagoons and bays.

### JONES LAKE - 105 Acres

Location: Saline County, 5 miles southwest of Equality.  
Months: April, May and October.  
Baits: Spinner baits, and worms.

Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds.

Areas to Fish: Upper end (west end) and along south shoreline.

### KINKAID LAKE - 2,700 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 3 miles west of Murphysboro.  
Months: March, April, May and October.  
Baits: Spinners, deep diving plugs, and plastic worms.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Points, shoreline brush and flooded timber.

### LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE - 146 Acres

Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall.  
Months: April, May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 2½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds.

### EAST LOON LAKE - 165 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Route 83.  
Months: April through October.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms and artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 2½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Channels in north section and weed beds.

### LAKE MARIE (FOX CHAIN O'LAKES) - 480 Acres

Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Route 173.  
Months: April through October.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms and artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Channels and weed beds.

### MERMET LAKE - 452 Acres

Location: Massac County, 9 miles northwest of Metropolis.  
Months: March and April.  
Baits: Spinner baits.  
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Standing dead trees.

### OTTER LAKE - 765 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles west of Girard.  
Months: June through October.  
Baits: Bombers (multiple).  
Average Weight: 2½ to 3½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Upper end (providing not much rain in spring) fall - best upper end - tree tops numerous.

### PARIS EAST LAKE - 163 Acres

Location: Edgar County, northeast edge of Paris.  
Months: April, May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 2½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds.

### RAMSEY LAKE - 46.6 Acres

Location: Fayette County, 1 mile northwest of Ramsey.  
Months: April, May, June and September.  
Baits: Bombers, other deep running lures.  
Average Weight: 2 to 5 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds and fallen trees.

### RANDOLPH COUNTY LAKE - 65.0 Acres

Location: Randolph County, 5 miles north of Chester.  
Months: April, May and June.  
Baits: Plastic worms and bombers.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Points and around trees in water.

### RED HILLS STATE LAKE - 40 Acres

Location: Lawrence County, 2 miles northeast of Summer.  
Months: April, May, June and July.  
Baits: Spinners.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Shallows in spring and off deep points in summer.

### REND LAKE - 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin-Jefferson Counties,  
Months: April through October.  
Baits: Spinner baits, plastic worms, bottom running plugs (bomber, mud bug, etc.), minnows.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline with brush, points, rock riprap, flooded islands and fence rows.

### SANGANOIS AREA - 1,500 Acres

Location: Mason County, 1 mile east of Browning.  
Months: June, July and September.  
Baits: Spinner baits.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Close to brush.

### SANGCHRIS LAKE - 2,700 Acres

Location: Christian County, 5 miles northwest of Kincaid.  
Months: April, May, June, October and November.  
Baits: Shad imitators, plastic worms, spinner baits and surface plugs.  
Average Weight: 2½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Drop offs, off points, along outside of weed beds.

### LAKE SARA - 586 Acres

Location: Effingham County, 4 miles northwest of Effingham.  
Months: April, May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial.  
Average Weight: 1½ to 6 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Steep brushy shoreline and along weed beds.

### LAKE SHELBYVILLE - 11,100 Acres

Location: Shelby-Mountrie Counties, ½ mile northeast of Shelbyville, 3 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan.  
Months: April, May, June, July, September and October.  
Baits: Spinner baits, plastic worms, surface or deep running plugs.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Drop offs, flooded points and fence rows, standing timber.

### SPRING LAKE - 1,285 Acres

Location: Tazewell County, 7 miles northwest of Manito.  
Months: March, April, May and October.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Above narrows in vegetation, southern portion of lake (Pike Hole).

### LAKE SPRINGFIELD - 4,234 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, southeast edge of Springfield.  
Months: May, June, July, September, and October.  
Baits: Spinner baits, shad imitators, and plastic worms.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.

Areas to Fish: Along rock riprap.

### LAKE STOREY - 133 Acres

Location: Knox County, northwest edge of Galesburg.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 2½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed beds and along face of dam.

### WOODFORD COUNTY CONSERVATION AREA - 2,462.3 Acres

Location: Woodford County, 5 miles north of Spring Bay.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures (e.g. Mepps spinner, plastic worms).  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Fishing ditches, rocked dike.

### BIG MUDDY RIVER -

Location: Jackson, Union Counties, Murphysboro-Rattle Snake Ferry.  
Months: August, September at low water.  
Baits: Spinners.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Stumps and brush.

### ILLINOIS RIVER (ABANDONED COPPERAS CREEK LOCK) - 0.5 Miles

Location: Fulton County, 3 miles south of Banner.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around abandoned lock.

### ILLINOIS RIVER (MOUTH OF LAKE DE PUE) -

Location: Bureau County, 3 miles east of De Pue.  
Months: May, June, and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas.

### ILLINOIS RIVER (HENNEPIN ISLAND CHUTE)

Location: Putnam County, at Hennepin.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Off Hennepin Island points, brushy areas on Island's east side.

### ILLINOIS RIVER (ABANDONED HENRY LOCK)

Location: Marshall County, at Henry.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around abandoned lock.

### ILLINOIS RIVER (HENRY ISLAND CHUTE)

Location: Marshall County, 3 miles south of Henry.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Off Island points, brushy areas.

### ILLINOIS RIVER (LACON HARBOR)

Location: Marshall County, at Lacon.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Riprap.

### ILLINOIS RIVER (BELOW PEORIA LOCK & DAM)

Location: Peoria County, at Creve Coeur.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Riprap on west side below dam.

### ILLINOIS RIVER (BELOW STARVED ROCK DAM)

Location: La Salle County, 1.5 miles southeast of Utica.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Off points, brushy areas, riprapped or rocky shorelines.

### ILLINOIS RIVER (WILLOW ISLAND CHUTE)

Location: Marshall County, 4 miles north of Henry.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: East side of Willow Island in brushy areas.

### KASKASKIA RIVER - 35 Miles

Location: Douglas and Coles Counties, from Allenville north to Route 36 Bridge.  
Months: May through October.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush piles.

### MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 12 (MENOMINEE SLOUGH)

Location: Jo Daviess County, 5 miles northwest of Galena.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Logs, stumps and brush.

### MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 13 (MILLER'S LAKE)

Location: Carroll County, 2 miles north of Savanna.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Brush, logs and stumps.

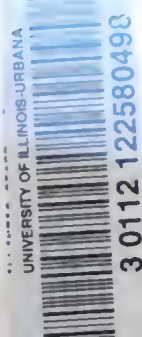
### MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 19 (PRAIRIE SLOUGH)

Location: Henderson County, across river from Burlington low.  
Months: May, September and October.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Stumps, brush and logs.

## BLUEGILL

### BEAVER DAM STATE PARK - 57 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 4 miles north of Plainview or 6 miles south of Carlinville (west edge).  
Months: June, July and October.





ILLINOIS WILDLIFE

Baits: Worms.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Fish congregators (marked).

CANTON LAKE - 250 Acres

Location: Lake County, east edge of Canton.  
Months: June.  
Baits: Worms, crickets and art. poppers.

Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed beds and shallow bays.

CARLYLE LAKE - 26,000 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties, 1 mile north of Carlyle.  
Months: April, May, June and September.  
Baits: Crickets, redworms, poppers and wet flies.  
Average Weight: ¼ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Flooded timber, around islands and tailwaters, rock riprap, bays with heavy brush.

CRAB ORCHARD LAKE - 6,965 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale.  
Months: May and June.  
Baits: Crickets and worms.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Wolf Creek access area, stumps, brush, spawn beds, lotus growth in Grassy Bay.

DALE STATE LAKE - 194 Acres

Location: Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville.  
Months: April through October.  
Baits: Worms and crickets.  
Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and upper shallows.

DEVIL'S KITCHEN - 810 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 12 miles southeast of Carbondale.  
Months: May and June.  
Baits: Crickets and worms.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds.

DOUGLAS COUNTY STATE LAKE - 59 Acres

Location: Douglas County, 3 miles north of Oakland.  
Months: May through September.  
Baits: Worms and crickets.  
Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush.

FISH LAKE - 85 Acres

Location: Lake County, 5 miles south of Fox Lake on Route 12.  
Months: May through October and January and February.  
Baits: Worms, wax worms and plastic worms.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline.

GLADSTONE LAKE - 27 Acres

Location: Henderson County, 1 mile southwest of Gladstone.  
Months: June and July.  
Baits: Catalpa worms, crickets and redworms.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline spawning beds and submerged sand ridges.

HORSESHOE LAKE - 1,890 Acres

Location: Alexander County, Olive Branch.  
Months: April and May.  
Baits: Crickets, worms.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds and near Cypress trees.

JONES LAKE - 105 Acres

Location: Saline County, 5 miles southwest of Equality.  
Months: May and June.  
Baits: Worms and crickets.  
Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Stick-ups (brush) in upper end.

LAKE LE AQUA NA - 43.4 Acres

Location: Stephenson County, 3 miles north of Lena.  
Months: June.  
Baits: Worms.  
Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: East shoreline and upper end of lake.

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE - 146 Acres

Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall.  
Months: May through September.  
Baits: Worms and crickets.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds.

OLNEY EAST FORK RESERVOIR - 937 Acres

Location: Richland County, 1 mile north of Olney.  
Months: April through October.  
Baits: Worms and crickets.  
Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and shallows in upper end of lake.

RAMSEY LAKE - 46.6 Acres

Location: Fayette County, 1 mile northwest of Ramsey.  
Months: May and June.  
Baits: Crickets.  
Average Weight: ¼ to ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: In fallen tree tops.

REND LAKE - 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin-Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser.  
Months: April, May, June and September.  
Baits: Crickets and redworms.  
Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Flooded timber of Nason Point or bays, rock riprap.

ST. ELMO NEW CITY LAKE - 68 Acres

Location: Fayette County, 1 mile north of St. Elmo.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Crickets and redworms.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Along secondary brush and weed beds.

SAM PARR STATE LAKE - 180 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 2 miles northwest of Newton.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Jigs, worms and crickets.  
Average Weight: ¼ to ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Areas of heavy brush.

LAKE SHELBYVILLE - 11,100 Acres

Location: Moultrie & Shelby Counties.  
Months: May, June, July and September.  
Baits: Crickets, redworms, poppers and flies.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Rock riprap, upper ends of brushy bays.

SILOAM SPRINGS LAKE 58 Acres

Location: Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville.  
Months: May and June.  
Baits: Red worms, crickets, meal worms and artificial flies.  
Average Weight: 1/3 to 1/2 pound.  
Areas to Fish: End of small inlets.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 12 (YONKER'S LAKE)

Location: Jo Daviess County, 7 miles west of Hanover.  
Months: June and July.  
Baits: Worms.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brush piles.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 17 (CLEVELAND SLOUGH)

Location: Mercer County, 6 miles upstream of New Boston.  
Months: May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Worms.  
Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brush and stumps.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 18 (FISH POND)

Location: Henderson County, 4 miles north of Oquawka.  
Months: June, July and September.  
Baits: Worms.  
Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Stumps.

CRAPPIE

ANDERSON LAKE - 1,364 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 10 miles southwest of Havana.  
Months: May, June and October.  
Baits: Minnows.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Submerged brush areas.

CANTON LAKE - 250 Acres

Location: Fulton County, east edge of Canton.  
Months: April, May and October.  
Baits: White crappie jigs.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Submerged brush areas.

LAKE CARLTON - 76.6 Acres

Location: Whiteside County, 2 miles north of Morrison.  
Months: April and May.  
Baits: Jigs.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Along brushy shoreline.

CARLYLE LAKE - 26,000 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette, 1 mile north of Carlyle.  
Months: April, May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Minnows and jigs.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Flooded timber or areas with heavy brush and creek channels, and bottomland lakes.

CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKES (FOX CHAIN O'LAKES) - 507 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Route 173.  
Months: April through June, January and February.  
Baits: Minnows and ice jigs.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Channels.

LAKE CHAUTAUQUA - 3,562 Acres

Location: Mason County, 7 miles north of Havana.  
Months: March, April and May.  
Baits: Minnows.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: In brush.

DALE STATE LAKE - 194 Acres

Location: Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville.  
Months: April, May and June.  
Baits: Live minnows.  
Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas.

DEVIL'S KITCHEN - 810 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 12 miles southeast of Carbondale.  
Months: March and April.  
Baits: Jigs, crickets and minnows.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brush and flooded timber.

DOLAN LAKE - 71.3 Acres

Location: Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro.  
Months: March, April and October.  
Baits: Minnows, small spinner baits and bucktails.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Near stick-ups in upper ends.

DOUGLAS COUNTY STATE LAKE - 59 Acres

Location: Douglas County, 3 miles north of Oakland.  
Months: April, May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Minnows and jigs.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush.

LAKE OF EGYPT - 2,300 Acres

Location: Williamson-Johnson Counties, 8 miles south of Marion.  
Months: April and May.  
Baits: Minnows.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline cover and coves upper end and necks.

FLAT LAKE-DEEP LAKE (BACKWATERS PERE MARQUETTE AREA) - 1,500 Acres

Location: Jersey County, north of Grafton and south of Nutwood.  
Months: May, June and October.  
Baits: Crappie killer and minnows.  
Average Weight: ½ to 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Any tree or brush pile.

FOX LAKE (FOX CHAIN O'LAKES) - 1,700 Acres

Location: Lake County, at Fox Lake.  
Months: April through June, January and February.  
Baits: Minnows and ice jigs.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Channels and Sequoit Creek.

JONES LAKE - 105 Acres

Location: Saline County, 5 miles southwest of Equality.  
Months: April and October.  
Baits: Small spinner baits and bucktails.  
Average Weight: 2/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Along steep south shoreline.

Months: April, May, June, September and October.

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Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall.  
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Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Route 173.  
Months: April through June and January and February.  
Baits: Minnows and ice jigs.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Channels.

MERMET LAKE - 452 Acres

Location: Massac County, 9 miles northwest of Metropolis.  
Months: March and April.  
Baits: Minnows and bucktails.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Any brush in water 3-5 feet deep.

POHLMAN SLOUGH - 95 Acres

Location: Calhoun County, 3 miles southwest of Grafton.  
Months: April, May and October.  
Baits: Minnows and leadheaded jigs.  
Average Weight: ½ to ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops.

REND LAKE - 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin-Jefferson Counties.  
Months: March, April, May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Minnows and jigs.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Nason Point, bays with brush and rock riprap.

LAKE SHELBYVILLE - 11,100 Acres

Location: Moultrie-Shelby Counties.  
Months: April, May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Minnows, jigs and small spinning lures.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Tailwaters, rock riprap, flooded timber and brush and shallow gravel areas with brush.

LAKE SPRINGFIELD - 4,234 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, southeast edge of Springfield.  
Months: March, April and May.  
Baits: Small spinners, grubs and minnows.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Along rock riprap and in brush.

WOODFORD COUNTY CONSERVATION AREA - 2,462.3 Acres

Location: Woodford County, 5 miles north of Spring Bay.  
Months: October through May.  
Baits: Minnows and leadheads.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Fishing ditches, blinds at north border of area.

BIG MUDDY RIVER

Location: Union County, Rattlesnake Ferry.  
Months: August at low water.  
Baits: Minnows and gigs.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brush and logs.

FOX RIVER AT McHENRY DAM

Location: McHenry County, 1 mile southeast of McHenry, off River Road.  
Months: June and July.  
Baits: Minnows and small jigs.  
Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Below dam along wall.

ILLINOIS RIVER (EAST RIVER) - 2 Miles

Location: Woodford County, ½ mile east of Chillicothe.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Minnows and jigs.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas.

ILLINOIS RIVER (LACON HARBOR)

Location: Marshall County, at Lacon.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Minnows.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas.

ILLINOIS RIVER (BELOW PEORIA DAM)

Location: Peoria County, at Creve Coeur.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Riprap on west side below dam.

ILLINOIS RIVER (PEORIA LAKE)

Location: Peoria County, at Peoria.  
Months: April, May, June and September.  
Baits: Minnows and jigs.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: West shoreline and riprap.

ILLINOIS RIVER (PEORIA NARROWS)

Location: Peoria County, at Peoria.  
Months: April, May, June and September.  
Baits: Minnows and jigs.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: West shoreline around brush.

ILLINOIS RIVER (BELOW STARVED ROCK DAM)

Location: La Salle County, 1.5 miles southeast of LaSalle.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Minnows and jigs.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas in Plum Island Chute.

ILLINOIS RIVER (SHEEHAN ISLAND CHUTE)

Location: La Salle County, 3 miles west of Ottawa.  
Months: April, May and September.  
Baits: Minnows and jigs.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas.

ILLINOIS RIVER (MOUTH OF VERMILION RIVER)

Location: La Salle County, 1 mile east of La Salle.  
Months: April, May, June and September.  
Baits: Minnows and jigs.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas.

**KASKASKIA RIVER**  
Location: Randolph County, 2 miles west of Baldwin on Highway 154.  
Months: March, April, May and June.



ILLINOIS WILDLIFE

Baits: Minnows.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brushy treetops in side channel waters.  
**KASKASKIA RIVER - 35 Miles**  
Location: Douglas and Coles Counties, from Allenville north to Route 36.  
Months: April, May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Minnows.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush.

**KASKASKIA RIVER (Between Shelbyville & Carlyle Lakes) - 87 Miles**  
Location: Shelby, Fayette and Bond.  
Months: May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Minnows.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 14 (SUNFISH SLOUGH)**  
Location: Whiteside County, edge of East Clinton.  
Months: May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Minnows and jigs.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brush and logs.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 22 (BEEBE ISLAND)**  
Location: Adams County, 2 miles south and 1 mile west of Marblehead.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Stumps and brush.

REDEAR SUNFISH

**LAKE CARLTON - 76.6 Acres**  
Location: Whiteside County, 2 miles north of Morrison.  
Months: June through September.  
Baits: Worms and crickets.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: North shoreline.

**COULTERVILLE CITY RESERVOIR - 65 Acres**  
Location: Randolph County, 1 mile north of Coulterville.  
Months: May and June.  
Baits: Black crickets and dragonfly larvae.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds in shallow necks of lake.

**DALE STATE LAKE - 194 Acres**  
Location: Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville.  
Months: April, May and June.  
Baits: Worms and crickets.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Shallow spawning areas up to 10 feet depth during summer.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY STATE LAKE - 59 Acres**  
Location: Douglas County, 3 miles north of Oakland.  
Months: May through September.  
Baits: Worms and crickets.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush.

**HORSESHOE LAKE - 1,890 Acres**  
Location: Alexander County, Olive Branch.  
Months: May.  
Baits: Crickets and worms.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Cypress trees and spawn beds.

**LAKE LE AQUA NA - 43.4 Acres**  
Location: Stephenson County, 3 miles north of Lena.  
Months: June.  
Baits: Worms.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Shallows.

**LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE - 146 Acres**  
Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall.  
Months: May through September.  
Baits: Crickets and worms.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds.

**OLD MT. OLIVE RESERVOIR - 31 Acres**  
Location: Macoupin County, 1 mile northwest of Mt. Olive.  
Months: May through September.  
Baits: Worms on bottom - 5 to 7 feet.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Brush and weeds.

**SILOAM SPRINGS LAKE - 58 Acres**  
Location: Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville.  
Months: May and June.  
Baits: Red worms, crickets and meal worms.  
Average Weight: 1/3 to ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Small inlets.

**LAKE MURPHYSBORO - 145 Acres**  
Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro.  
Months: May and June.  
Baits: Crickets and worms.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds.

**RAMSEY LAKE - 46.6 Acres**  
Location: Fayette County, 1 mile northwest of Ramsey.  
Months: May and June.  
Baits: Red worms.  
Average Weight: ½ to 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays along weed beds.

**ST. ELMO NEW CITY LAKE - 68 Acres**  
Location: Fayette County, 1 mile north of St. Elmo.  
Months: May, June and September.  
Baits: Red worms.  
Average Weight: ½ to ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Off secondary brush and weed beds.

**SAM PARR LAKE - 180 Acres**  
Location: Jasper County, 2 miles northeast of Newton.  
Months: May and June.  
Baits: Red worms.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Off secondary brush.

BULLHEADS

**BALDWIN LAKE - 2,200 Acres**  
Location: Randolph County, 2 miles north of Baldwin.

Months: April, May and June.  
Baits: Worms and shrimp.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: North levee bank fishermen; all of lake for boat fishermen.  
**CANTON LAKE - 250 Acres**  
Location: Fulton County, east edge of Canton.  
Months: April and May.  
Baits: Worms.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Upper end of lake.  
**CEDAR LAKE - 285 Acres**  
Location: Lake County, at Lake Villa.  
Months: June through September.  
Baits: Worms and nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: North of island and northwest section.

**LAKE CHAUTAUQUA - 3,562 Acres**  
Location: Mason County, 7 miles north of Havana.  
Months: June, July and September.  
Baits: Worms.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Entire lake.

**DEEP LAKE - 200 Acres**  
Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Lake Villa on Route 132.  
Months: June, July, August and September.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers and worms.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY STATE LAKE - 59 Acres**  
Location: Douglas County, 3 miles north of Oakland.  
Months: May through September.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: In bays.

**OLNEY EAST FORK RESERVOIR - 937 Acres**  
Location: Richland County, 1 mile north of Olney.  
Months: April through October.  
Baits: Worms.  
Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Shallow upper area of lake.

**REND LAKE - 18,900 Acres**  
Location: Franklin-Jefferson Counties.  
Months: April, May, June and September.  
Baits: Worms, crayfish and shrimp.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Rock riprap, creek channels, shallow bays and tailwaters.

**SAM PARR LAKE - 180 Acres**  
Location: Jasper County, 2 miles northeast of Newton.  
Months: April, May, June and September.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: ¾ to 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Along shoreline.

**SANGANOIS AREA - 1,500 Acres**  
Location: Mason County, 1 mile east of Browning.  
Months: June, July, August and September.  
Baits: Worms.  
Average Weight: ½ poond.  
Areas to Fish: Entire area.

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE - 11,100 Acres**  
Location: Moultrie and Shelby Counties.  
Months: April, May, June and September.  
Baits: Worms, shrimp and cut shad.  
Average Weight: 1/3 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays, creek channels and tailwaters.

**TURNER LAKE - 34 Acres**  
Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove.  
Months: May through September.  
Baits: Worms and nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline.

**VANDALIA CITY LAKE - 660 Acres**  
Location: Fayette County, 3 miles northwest of Vandalia.  
Months: April, May, June and September.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: ½ to 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Shallow murky coves.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE - 248 Acres**  
Location: Washington County, 5 miles south of Nashville.  
Months: March and April.  
Baits: Worms and nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Narrow bays where water drains into lake.

**ILLINOIS RIVER**  
Location: Mason County, north of Havana.  
Months: June and July.  
Baits: Worms.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Along shore in brush.

**KASKASKIA RIVER (Between Shelbyville and Carlyle Lakes) - 87 Miles**  
Location: Shelby, Fayette and Bond Counties.  
Months: May through October.  
Baits: Stink bait, crayfish, minnows, shad, leeches, cut bait and nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Along shore and in brushy areas.

CHANNEL CATFISH

**ARGYLE LAKE - 95 Acres**  
Location: McDonough County, 2 miles north of Colchester.  
Months: June, July, August and September.  
Baits: Worms, stink baits and dead minnows.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays at dusk.

**CARLYLE LAKE - 26,000 Acres**  
Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties, 1 mile north of Carlyle.  
Months: May through October.  
Baits: Shad, crayfish, large shiners, leeches, nitecrawlers, cut bait and stink bait (cheese & blood).  
Average Weight: 1 to 1¼ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Tailwaters, shoreline margin creeks and river channel.

**LAKE CHARLESTON - 359 Acres**  
Location: Coles County, 2 miles southeast of Charleston.

Months: June, July and August.  
Baits: Stink bait.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: North end.  
**LAKE CHAUTAUQUA - 3,562 Acres**  
Location: Mason County, 7 miles north of Havana.  
Months: June, July and September.  
Baits: Shad, prepared cheese baits and crayfish.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Along levee and cross dyke.

**CRAB ORCHARD LAKE - 6,965 Acres**  
Location: Williamson County, 4 miles west of Carbondale.  
Months: May, June and July.  
Baits: Shrimp, cheese baits and cut bait.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Grassy bay, Cambria Neck, and Wolf Creek.

**DALE STATE LAKE - 194 Acres**  
Location: Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville.  
Months: June and July.  
Baits: Worms and prepared bait.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Around sunken logs.

**DOLAN LAKE - 71 Acres**  
Location: Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro.  
Months: June, July and August.  
Baits: Cut bait, entrails, and prepared baits.  
Average Weight: 3 to 4 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Off dam and steep shorelines.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY STATE LAKE - 59 Acres**  
Location: Douglas County, 3 miles north of Oakland.  
Months: June, July and August.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers and stink bait.  
Average Weight: 4 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: In bays.

**FOX LAKE (CHAIN O'LAKES) - 1,700 Acres**  
Location: Lake County, at Fox Lake.  
Months: June, July, September, January and February.  
Baits: Golden shiners, nitecrawlers and prepared baits.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Crabapple Island and channels.

**GLADSTONE LAKE - 27 Acres**  
Location: Henderson County, 1 mile southwest of Gladstone.  
Months: June, July and August.  
Baits: Red worms, catalpa worms.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Near submerged sand ridges.

**GRASS LAKE (FOX CHAIN O'LAKES) - 1,360 Acres**  
Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove.  
Months: June, July, August and September.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers, golden shiners and prepared baits.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Grass Island and channels.

**LAKE LE AQUA NA - 43.4 Acres**  
Location: Stephenson County, 3 miles west of Lena.  
Months: August and September.  
Baits: Cheese, nitecrawlers and duck guts.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Entire shoreline.

**LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE - 146 Acres**  
Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall.  
Months: June, July and August.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers and stink bait.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: North end.

**PISTAKEE LAKE (FOX CHAIN O'LAKES) - 600 Acres**  
Location: Lake and McHenry Counties, at Fox Lake.  
Months: May, June, July, August, September, January and February.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers, golden shiners and prepared baits.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Around islands.

**RAMSEY LAKE - 46 Acres**  
Location: Fayette County, 1 mile northwest of Ramsey.  
Months: June and July.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: 2 to 5 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: 6 to 10 feet of water.

**SANGCHRIS LAKE - 2,700 Acres**  
Location: Christian County, 5 miles northwest of Kincaid.  
Months: June, July, September, October and November.  
Baits: Shad and prepared cheese baits.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Warm water discharge in fall, lakewide in spring.

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE - 11,100 Acres**  
Location: Moultrie and Shelby Counties.  
Months: June through September (best on trot lines)  
Baits: Shads, minnows, leeches and crayfish.  
Average Weight: 1¼ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Upper arms of lake (Kaskaskia and Okaw rivers), shoreline, points with brush and creek channels.

**LAKE SPRINGFIELD - 4,324 Acres**  
Location: Sangamon County, southeast edge of Springfield.  
Months: March, April, May, June, July and September.  
Baits: Shad, prepared cheese baits and crayfish.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Over entire lake (drift fishing).

**EMBARRAS RIVER - 50 Miles**  
Location: Coles and Cumberland Counties, from Oakland to Greenup.  
Months: June, July and August.  
Baits: Stink bait, and nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush piles.

**FOX RIVER (McHENRY DAM)**  
Location: McHenry County, 1 mile southeast of Mazon.  
Months: June and July.  
Baits: Shrimp and dead minnows.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Swift water below lock and dam.

**ILLINOIS RIVER - 3 Miles**  
Location: Greene County, Hillview Area (across from where Pearl Ferry was located - West of Hillview 1¼ miles).  
Months: June, July and August.  
Baits: Worms.  
Average Weight: 1½ to 3 pounds.



ILLINOIS WILDLIFE

Areas to Fish: Above bridge piling and old ferry landing.  
**ILLINOIS RIVER - 2 Miles**  
Location: Jersey County, south of Nutwood or north of Grafton State Area caled The Glades.  
Months: June July, August and September.  
Baits: Worms  
Average Weight: 1½ to 2½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Boat dock ramp (north) at the Glades and also 12 mile island shoreline.

**ILLINOIS RIVER (UPPER PEORIA LAKE)**  
Location: Peoria County, 1 mile south of Mossville.  
Months: June, July and September.  
Baits: Cheese baits, worms and cut bait.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Around channel marker lights and other areas where adequate cover exists.

**ILLINOIS RIVER (PEORIA NARROWS)**  
Location: Peoria County, at Peoria.  
Months: June, July and September.  
Baits: Cheese baits, worms and cut bait.  
Average Weight: 1¾ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas on west shoreline.

**ILLINOIS RIVER (BELOW STARVED ROCK DAM)**  
Location: La Salle County, 1½ miles southeast of Utica.  
Months: June, July and September.  
Baits: Cheese baits, worms and cut bait.  
Average Weight: 2¼ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Plum Island Chute.

**KANKAKEE RIVER - 55 Miles**  
Location: Kankakee and Will Counties, Kankakee, Wilmington and Mommence.  
Months: Spring and Fall.  
Baits: Cheese baits, crushed minnows and nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Kankakee River State Park, Des Plaines Conservation Area, above and below riffles and State Line in fall of year.

**KASKASKIA RIVER - 56 Miles**  
Location: Fayette County, entire Fayette County.  
Months: April, May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Minnows, nitecrawlers and crayfish.  
Average Weight: 2 to 6 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Above riffles and shallow pools.

**KASKASKIA RIVER - 35 Miles**  
Location: Douglas and Coles Counties, from Allenville north to Route 36 bridge.  
Months: June, July and August.  
Baits: Stink bait and nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: 1½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush piles.

**KASKASKIA RIVER (BETWEEN SHELBYVILLE LAKE AND CARLYLE LAKE) - 87 Miles**  
Location: Shelby, Fayette and Bond Counties.  
Months: May through October.  
Baits: Stink bait, crayfish, minnows, shad, leeches, cut bait and nitecrawlers.

Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush piles.  
**MISSISSIPPI RIVER (CAPE BEND TOWHEAD)**  
Location: Alexander County, 3 miles downstream of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Months: June through October.  
Baits: Prepared blood or cheese baits.  
Average Weight: 2½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: On bottom.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 21 (INDIAN GRAVE LAKE)**  
Location: Adams County, 5 miles west of Marcelline.  
Months: July through September.  
Baits: Prepared blood and cheese baits.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: On bottom and around stumps.

**ROCK RIVER**  
Location: Several counties, from Wisconsin State Line to mouth near Milan.  
Months: May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Minnows, worms, cut bait and prepared bait.  
Average Weight: 1 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Below dams and below riffles.

**SPOON RIVER - 107 Miles**  
Location: Knox and Fulton Counties, from Havana to Williamsfield.  
Months: June, July and August.  
Baits: Worms, dead minnows, and stink baits.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Below snags and riffle areas.

**WABASH RIVER**  
Location: Wabash County, 2 miles southeast of Grayville.  
Months: June, July, August and September.  
Baits: Crayfish, shrimp and stink bait.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Along areas of rapid water.

WHITE BASS

**BALDWIN LAKE - 2,200 Acres**  
Location: Randolph County, 2 miles north of Baldwin.  
Months: December, January, February and March.  
Baits: Rooster tail, minnows and beetle spins.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: North Levee along dike near outflow of hot water.

**CARLYLE LAKE - 26,000 Acres**  
Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties, 1 mile north of Carlyle.  
Months: May, July, August and September.  
Baits: Minnows, small spoons or spinner bait.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: River channel, creeks, around islands and tailwaters.

**CHANNEL-CATHERINE (FOX CHAIN O'LAKES) - 507 Acres**  
Location: Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Route 173.  
Months: April, May, June and July.  
Baits: Ice jigs  
Average Weight: 1 pound  
Areas to Fish: Channels and sand bars, moving deeper as summer progresses.

**LAKE MARIE (FOX CHAIN O'LAKES) - 480 Acres**  
Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Route 173.  
Months: April, May, June and January.

Baits: Ice jigs.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Channels and sand bars, moving deeper as summer progresses.

**SANGCHRIS LAKE - 2,700 Acres**  
Location: Christian County, 5 miles northwest of Kincaid.  
Months: March, April, October and November.  
Baits: Small spinner baits.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Close to shad schools - middle arm.

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE - 11,100 Acres**  
Location: Moultrie and Shelby Cornties.  
Months: May, June, late August and September.  
Baits: Minnows, small spinning lures and spoons.  
Average Weight: ½ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Along dam and swimming beach, river and creek channels, around islands and tailwaters.

**FOX RIVER (McHENRY DAM)**  
Location: McHenry County, 1 mile southeast of McHenry off River Road.  
Months: June and July.  
Baits: Minnows and spinners.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Swift water below lock and dam along riprap.

**ILLINOIS RIVER (STARVED ROCK DAM TAILWATER)**  
Location: La Salle County, 1½ miles southeast of Utica.  
Months: April, May and June.  
Baits: Jigs and minnows.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Tailwater area.

**ILLINOIS RIVER (MOUTH OF VERMILION RIVER)**  
Location: La Salle County, 1 mile east of La Salle.  
Months: April, May, June and September.  
Baits: Jigs and minnows.  
Average Weight: ¾ pound.  
Areas to Fish: Riprap.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 20 (OFF MUD ISLAND)**  
Location: Hancock County, 2 miles north of Warsaw.  
Months: May, September and October.  
Baits: Minnows and artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 1 pound.  
Areas to Fish: Around emergent wing dikes.

WALLEYE

**FOX LAKE (FOX CHAIN O'LAKES) - 1,700**  
Location: Lake County, at Fox Lake.  
Months: April, May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Artificial lures, minnows and plastic worms.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Mineola Bay, west side.

**LAKE MARIE (FOX CHAIN O'LAKES) - 480 Acres**  
Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Route 173.  
Months: April, May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Artificial lures, minnows and plastic worms.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Shoreline at drop-off.

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE - 11,100 Acres**  
Location: Moultrie and Shelby Counties.  
Months: February, March and April in tailwaters; May, June, September and October in Lake.  
Baits: Jig or minnow (or nitecrawler) bottom running plugs, spinner baits.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Tailwater, points, gravel bars, drop-offs between 8 and 20 feet.

**KANKAKEE RIVER - 55 Miles**  
Location: Kankakee-Will Counties, at Wilmington and Kankakee.  
Months: April, September and October.  
Baits: Minnows and artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 2½ pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Dams - Kankakee and Wilmington State line in September and October, Kankakee State Park in swift waters.

**KASKASKIA RIVER - 35 Miles**  
Location: Douglas and Coles Counties, from Allenville north to Route 36.  
Months: April, May, June, September and October.  
Baits: Minnows and nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Around brush piles.

**KASKASKIA RIVER (BETWEEN SHELBYVILLE AND CARLYLE LAKES) - 87 Miles**  
Location: Shelby, Fayette and Bond Counties.  
Months:  
Baits: Minnows and nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight:  
Areas to Fish:

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 13 (LOCK AND DAM 12 TAILWATER)**  
Location: Jo Daviess County, Bellevue, Iowa.  
Months: March, May, October and November.  
Baits: Minnow-Spinner Combination.  
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: On bottom in tailwater.

NORTHERN PIKE

**DEEP LAKE - 200 Acres**  
Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Lake Villa on Route 132.  
Months: April, May, June and October.  
Baits: Golden shiners, spoons and flatfish.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Drop-off on west side in north section.

**EAST LOON LAKE - 165 Acres**  
Location: Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Route 83.  
Months: April, May, October, January and February.  
Baits: Golden shiners, spoons and flatfish.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Off weed beds.

**KINKAID LAKE - 2,700 Acres**  
Location: Jackson County, 3 miles west of Murphysboro.  
Months: March, April and August.  
Baits: Spoons, deep diving plugs.  
Average Weight: 9 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Troll over weed beds and points.

**SPRING LAKE - 1,285**  
Location: Tazewell County, 7 miles northwest of Manito.  
Months: March, April, May and October.

Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 10 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Southern portion of lake along bluff where springs are present.

**LAKE STOREY - 133 Acres**  
Location: Knox County, northwest edge of Galesburg.  
Months: April, May and September.  
Baits: Artificial lures, spoons, large spinner baits and large minnows.  
Average Weight: 7 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed beds.

**TURNER LAKE - 34 Acres**  
Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove.  
Months: January and February.  
Baits: Golden shiners.  
Average Weight: 4 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Ice fish in 4 to 6 feet of water.

**WEST LOON LAKE - 164 Acres**  
Location: Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Route 83.  
Months: April, May, June, October, January and February.  
Baits: Golden shiners, spoons and flatfish.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Off weed beds.

FRESHWATER DRUM

**CARLYLE LAKE - 26,000 Acres**  
Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties, 1 mile north of Carlyle.  
Months: June, July, August and September.  
Baits: Worms, minnows, crayfish and jigs.  
Average Weight: ¾ poond.  
Areas to Fish: Tailwater, river channel, hard mud and sand flats.

**KASKASKIA RIVER (BETWEEN SHELBYVILLE AND CARLYLE LAKES) - 87 Miles**  
Location: Shelby, Fayette and Bond Counties.  
Months: June through September.  
Baits: Worms, shrimp and crayfish.  
Average Weight:  
Areas to Fish:

**KASKASKIA RIVER - 56 Miles**  
Location: Fayette County, entire Fayette County.  
Months: March, April and May.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers.  
Average Weight: ½ to 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Along cut banks and sand bars.

SALMON

**COHO**  
**LAKE MICHIGAN**  
Location: Cook County, in Chicago.  
Months: April and May - shore fishing from Montrose pier; May, June - off shore 1 to 2 miles entire county shoreline.  
Baits: Shore: nitecrawlers; Boat: trolled lures.  
Average Weight: 2 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Montrose pier and off shore areas.

**LAKE MICHIGAN**  
Location: Lake County, in Waukegan.  
Months: May through July, October and November.  
Baits: Artificial lures from breakwaters or trolling in 30 feet or deeper and snagging in fall.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Highland Park area north to Zion.

**LAKE MICHIGAN**  
Location: Cook County, in Chicago.  
Months: September 16 to December 31 - snagging; May, June - off shore boat fishing.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 15 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Diversey Harbor.

**LAKE MICHIGAN**  
Location: Lake County, in Waukegan.  
Months: October and November.  
Baits: Snagging or artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 5 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Waukegan River or Kellogg Ditch.

LAKE TROUT

**LAKE MICHIGAN**  
Location: Lake County, in Waukegan.  
Months: May through September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 7 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Highland Park north to Zion in 50 feet or deeper.

RAINBOW (Steelhead) TROUT

**LAKE MICHIGAN**  
Location: Cook County, in Chicago.  
Months: April and May.  
Baits: Shore: nitecrawlers early in morning; boat: trolled lures.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Entire shoreline.

**LAKE MICHIGAN**  
Location: Lake County, in Waukegan.  
Months: April through September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Breakwaters, trolling and Waukegan Commonwealth-Edison Plant.

BROWN TROUT

**LAKE MICHIGAN**  
Location: Cook County, in Chicago.  
Months: April and May.  
Baits: Nitecrawlers, small blue and silver spoons.  
Average Weight: 3 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Beaches and harbors.  
**LAKE MICHIGAN**  
Location: Lake County, in Waukegan.  
Months: May through September.  
Baits: Artificial lures.  
Average Weight: 4 pounds.  
Areas to Fish: Waukegan Harbor, Waukegan Commonwealth-Edison discharge and outside of Great Lakes Naval Base.